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RYAN REYNOLDS STOKES BUZZ FOR FLICK AT COMIC-CON

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► Lucile Mazonne, 4, takes a hula hoop break while enjoying the last day of the Folk Fest with her mother.

Folk Fest strikes a chord

► Over 50,000 people took in the Folk Festival over the four days ► Folk Fest officials say they were only 1,500 tickets short of a sellout weekend



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It was a mellow end to the four-day Folk Festival, but many Calgarians are already looking forward to next year's event.

Natalie Reynolds, 34, says she's already planning to buy a four-day pass again for next year.

"It's just amazing. It brings all these people together for good music. Everyone was so friendly and this year I think it really reached across to so many different types of people," Reynolds said.

Folk Festival artistic director Kerry Clark said the weather was great for the festival and they are hearing positive feedback from attendees.

"I think that's really successful, but success is really how people respond when they get here — are they experiencing new music and artists and are they moved by the experiences?" she said.

Festival by numbers

- **Volunteers** There were over 1,600 volunteers for the four-day Folk Festival who did everything from manning the beer gardens, recycling bottles and assisting with the artists, according to artistic director Kerry Clark.
- **Stars** Folk Fest headliners included Corb Lund and Roberta Flack, Michael Franti and Spearhead
- **Performances** Over 68 artists from 14 countries performed on seven stages around Prince's Island Park.

Clark was most excited about the variety people experienced at this year's event, from love and poetic lyrics to political statements.

"It's a festival of discovery and I think that we're a very obscure festival, and I think there are artists people know but there are also artists people can experience for the first time."

'It's over for the Love Parade'

Death toll rises after stampede at German music fest {page 4}

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Asphalt plant goes up in flames

Fire crews battled a three-alarm blaze at the Volker Stevin yard in the city's northwest yesterday morning.

Over 30 firefighters responded to the blaze just after 8 a.m. Officials say the blaze may have started on a conveyor belt and then spread at the yard, located at 69 Street and 112 Avenue NW.

Jim Fairweather lives a quarter-mile from the yard and said he heard an ex-

"It's not something you expect to see on a Sunday."

JIM FAIRWEATHER,
NEARBY RESIDENT

plosion in the morning.

"I didn't really think anything of it until I opened my door and saw all of the black smoke coming out of the building," he said. "It's not something you expect to see on a Sunday."

EMS spokesperson Stu-

art Brideaux said paramedics were on scene as a precaution because of the heat the firefighters were dealing with, but there were no injuries from the fire.

"It's a hot day and a hot fire and then you have the equipment on, and it just can get really hot for the firefighters," he said.

There are no damage estimates yet. Officials continue to investigate.

KRISTA SYLVESTER



► Crews battle a fire in the city's northwest yesterday morning.

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Some like it hot ... some like it cheesy

► Salsa competition heats up streets of Kensington ► Thousands watch Miss Sun and Salsa pageant



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Both the sun and salsa were out in full force yesterday, as thousands of Calgarians hit Kensington for the annual Sun and Salsa Festival.

Ald. Druh Farrell, former organizer of the festival, said the turnout at her salsa booth and the event in general was fantastic this year.

"Last year was the busiest and I think this might break that record," she said, estimating that 90,000 people may have attended.

After 30 years at the festival, Antonietta Terrigno, owner of Osteria de Medici restaurant in Kensington, saw her salsa flying off the table this year.

"Oh my God, it's unbe-

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ALD. DRUH FARRELL,
FORMER FESTIVAL ORGANIZER

lievable," she said. "I think there's over 30,000 people we've served here today."

Among the numerous salsa booths were some of Calgary's mayoral candidates who set up shop to hand out their own secret recipes.

For Chris Vincent and his friends, there was a clear winner out of the three mayoral candidate salsas from Ric McIver, Kent Hehr and Craig Burrows.

"I vote based on salsa, not politics, so Kent Hehr wins," said Vincent, adding that his cheesy salsa was different than the others.



► Clayton Sykes, Marni Butler and Chris Vincent all agreed that Kent Hehr had the best salsa out of the mayoral candidates.

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Even more heat at annual Fiestaval

While there was a sun and salsa event going on in Kensington, a different kind of salsa was going on at Olympic Plaza.

The sun beat down, but at the annual Fiestaval, there was already plenty of heat, Latin-style.

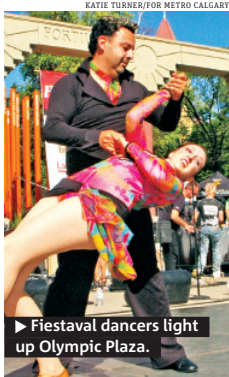
Clichés aside, thousands packed a busy Olympic plaza to take in Latin mu-

sic, dancers and fare, along with a dose of Calgary's long-lost summer.

Calgarians young and old were able to take in the family-oriented events and were immersed in the multicultural event.

The three-day event was free for all who attended.

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► Fiestaval dancers light up Olympic Plaza.

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News in brief

Cancer walk raises \$2.7M

FUNDRAISER. Over 1,100 people slapped on the sunscreen and walked 60 kilometres in the sixth annual Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancers on Saturday and Sunday.

The Calgary event raised over \$2.7 million,

according to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

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Workers keep tabs on blaze

OILSANDS. Workers at an oilsands project 50 kilometres northeast of Fort McMurray are paying close attention to the progress of a forest fire that began Saturday. It's about 13 kilometres away from Fire Bag, a Suncor site. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Investors will be keeping a watchful eye on Canadian companies as earnings season begins. Video at metronews.ca/canada



"Russia's Obama" hopes to clean up his town. Scan code for more.

MP saves woman's life

Industry Minister Tony Clement is urging summer swimmers to be careful after he dove into a churning river to help rescue a drowning woman.

The Parry Sound-Muskoka MP was having dinner at his Port Sydney home Saturday when he heard a frantic knocking at his door.

"We heard this banging," he said. "This young woman was hysterical, screaming that her friend was in the water and

drowning."

Clement said he rushed to the Muskoka river that runs by his house while his wife and father-in-law grabbed life-jackets.

"I could see her head, and she wasn't moving, so that really frightened me, and so I dove right into the water," said Clement, who jumped in wearing shorts and a T-shirt and was able to pull the woman to safety in spite of a heavy current.

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► Industry Minister Tony Clement is urging swimmers be careful after he saved a woman from drowning.

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Techno festival death toll hits 19

► Founder says the world's largest music party — Love Parade — will never be held again

The death toll rose to 19 yesterday and police said that 342 had been injured in a panicked crush of partygoers in an overcrowded tunnel that served as the sole entrance to a German festival billed as the world's largest techno music party.

"The Love Parade was always a peaceful event and a happy party" but would forever be overshadowed by the tragedy, Rainer Schaller said.

He spoke at a press conference where authorities faced tough questions, but provided few details, about why hundreds of thousands of people were funnelled through a single highway underpass into the former freight railway station used to host the party.

German media reported that there were at least 1.4 million people but police did not confirm that estimate.

Love train

► People from across Europe gather to dance, watch floats and listen to DJs spin at Love Parade, which was once an institution in Berlin, but has been held in the industrial Ruhr region of western Germany since 2007.

Witnesses said officers in Duisburg, a city in western Germany, closed the end of the tunnel emptying onto the festival grounds after they became overcrowded around 5 p.m. They told revellers over loudspeakers to turn around and walk back in the other direction but the entrance to the tunnel did not appear to have been closed and people continued piling in, sparking a panic and then a deadly crush.

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► A woman places a candle yesterday at the accident site of the Love Parade in Duisburg, Germany.

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Taliban offers dead body for prisoners

The Taliban have offered to exchange the body of a U.S. Navy member they said was killed in an ambush in exchange for insurgent prisoners, an Afghan official said yesterday.

U.S. and NATO officials confirmed that two American Navy personnel went

missing Friday in the eastern province of Logar, after an armoured sports utility vehicle was seen driving into a Taliban-held area. Afghan officials believe one was killed and the other captured after they apparently took a wrong turn.

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News in brief

Airshow goes despite scare

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA. The airshow where Capt. Brian Bews ejected from his CF-18 during a practice flight on Friday went ahead as scheduled this weekend, but things were hardly business as usual. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Flaherty backs census plan

OTTAWA. Count Finance Minister Jim Flaherty among the Tory cabinet ministers coming out in defence of the Conservative government's census plan. Flaherty said he thinks census data can be collected voluntarily without being compromised. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

SOMALIA

Journalist selects recipients

An Alberta journalist who was held prisoner in Somalia is never going back there, but the scholarship program she has set up for girls in the poverty-stricken country could bring

change.

Amanda Lindhout said 11 young Somali women have been selected to go to one of six different institutions in the country. She hopes she will be able to raise enough money to have 100 women studying in four years' time.

Originally she had planned on picking 10 women as the first scholarship recipients, but she says there were too many good applicants.

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Aural 'drugs' not really drugs

Are kids really, actually, getting high these days by listening to MP3s on their computers?

The phenomenon of so-called digital drugs — or i-dosing — has been spreading like wildfire around the Internet and the international press in recent weeks.

Apparently a set of headphones and a trippy digitally crafted song is all you need to achieve a state of imaginary ecstasy not unlike the one from consuming illicit drugs.

Here's the assessment from scientific experts: Ever heard of the placebo effect? It's apparently nothing more than an acoustic illusion.

Binaural, or two-tone, technology — created by

playing a different tone in each ear to create the auditory illusion of a beat — has been around since its discovery in 1839.

The claim is that the sounds alter one's brain waves and, by extension, a person's mental state.

Not so, says Robert Zatorre.

"It doesn't really do anything to the brain," said Zatorre, professor of neuroscience at McGill University in Montreal.

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Possible python on the loose

A metre and a half long snake, possibly a python, was on the loose in London, Ont., yesterday after the reptile managed to slither away from police.

Officers responded to a call late Saturday night of a snake on the loose in a residential neighbourhood. When they arrived on the scene, they saw the snake.

Officers attempted to corner and catch the large snake, but it moved under the front steps of a vacant home.

Police and animal control were searching for the snake yesterday morning, and canvassed the neighbourhood to see if anyone may have owned the reptile.

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Putin sings songs with agents

Vladimir Putin says he met with the Russian spies who were expelled from the United States, joining them in singing an unofficial KGB anthem and promising them good jobs and a bright future back in their homeland.

Russia's prime minister said he recently got together with the 10 sleeper agents, without saying when or where. The agents were deported from the U.S. earlier this month in the biggest spy scandal since the Cold War.

"We talked about life," Putin said. "We sang 'What Motherland Begins With' and other songs of that character."

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Economy under microscope

- U.S. reported second-quarter earnings two weeks earlier, convincing investors of recovery
- Results of stress tests on Europe's banks showed seven of 91 would fail during downturn

Canadian corporate earnings will be under the microscope this week as investors determine whether the economic recovery is starting to lose steam, or if there's still

reason to remain optimistic. Some of the country's biggest companies are slated to report second-quarter results.

Revenue will be key for

markets to gain sufficient optimism, suggested Juliette John, portfolio manager at Bissett Investment Management in Calgary.

She said in recent quarters, "earnings were very,

very strong, but the revenue line continues to be a disappointment and a lot of the drivers for earnings growth have been cost-cutting."

"At some point the

game is over, so to speak, in that there's only so many costs that can be cut, and we really do need to see some top-line momentum."

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Shell refinery talks resume

Negotiations have restarted on a potential deal that could determine the fate of hundreds of jobs at Shell Canada's largest refinery.

Liberal MP Denis Coderre says Israel's Delek Group has notified Shell that it is willing to resume talks to possibly buy the Montreal operation.

The Montreal MP says keeping the refinery open is important for Quebec's energy security and local jobs.

Shell has announced plans to convert the refinery into a distribution terminal.

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The number of people who would possibly lose their jobs if the Shell refinery was turned into a distribution terminal.

The proposed closure has put Shell under pressure to find an alternative.

Delek previously walked away from talks to acquire the operation because of the heavy maintenance costs required.

Some have questioned Shell's willingness to sell the refinery, but the company insists it is open if the price is right.

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BP CEO to be nixed?

Gaffe-prone BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward, under fire for his handling of the Gulf oil spill, is being replaced, a senior U.S. government official said yesterday.

An official announcement could come as early as today.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the announcement had not yet been made, was briefed on the decision by a senior BP official late last week.

The official did not know who would replace Hayward or when it would happen. One of the most likely successors is BP PLC Managing Director Bob Dudley, who is currently overseeing the British company's spill response.

BP's board would have to approve a change in company leadership.

Earlier yesterday, BP spokesman Toby Odone seemed to downplay media speculation about Hayward's departure, saying he "remains BP's chief executive."

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"So many men, so little time."

That's the way my column started based on a new Ivrnet poll. It shows Ald. Ric McIver leading Calgary's mayoral race with 44 per cent support. Bob Hawksworth follows with 13. The other eight candidates are trailing.

Then CTV anchor Barb Higgins resigned, and if she makes it official, it will shake up the race.

Sure, there's her name recognition, but she wields a powerful political tool: Optimism.

Higgins is upbeat personified. Research proves it. Martin Seligman, a professor at University of Pennsylvania, and Harold Zullow showed that candidates

with the most positive speeches won U.S. elections over the course of four decades. They continue to predict wins based on positive messages.

The electorate follows optimism, research shows.

In short, we don't want to hear how lousy current council is, or gloom and doom for our city. We want can-do solutions.

Those at the bottom need to do something. Of 431 Calgaryans polled, MLA Kent Hehr has eight per cent support, former Homeless Foundation chief Wayne Stewart has seven per cent, and Ald. Joe

Connelly rings in at six per cent. Clustering in with five per cent each are Craig Hughes, Alnoor Kassam, Jon Lord and Craig Burrows. Mount Royal Prof. Naheed Nenshi trails in this poll with four per cent. (His northeast quadrant was under-represented with only 16 per cent of respondents.)

Maybe you don't have the Higgins smile, but stressing positives can't hurt.

I looked at some candidate websites to get a sense of their messages.

Hehr, I'm sorry, but as a busy mom with a full-time job and ag-

ing parents, I'm not excited about developing an Edmonton-Calgary consultation. More cops? There's no proof that makes us safer. For that, we would need to address families in crisis, help foster kids. You have a fantastic story of resilience. Show us how you look at the world.

Kassam's website is a conversation hub, but fully lacks him. Connelly. Safe communities, transparent government, a new type of politics. Ya, just how?

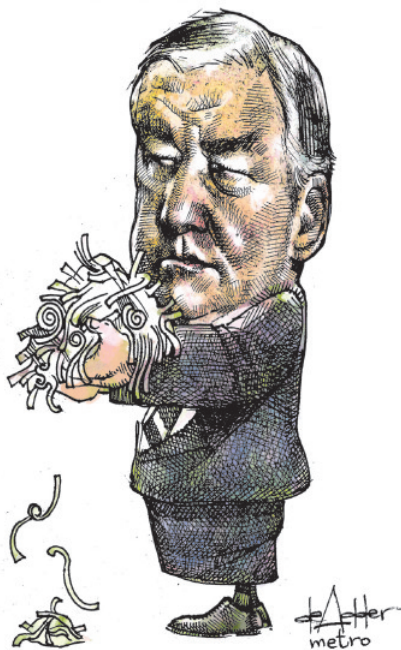
Stewart cares about the disadvantaged and his camp boldly came out with a poll saying he's winning the race. Good chutzpah. I enjoy Nenshi's upbeat tweets paired with the best blog with substance.

So many men, so little time. And now, almost certainly, one woman to up the ante.

"The electorate follows optimism, research shows. In short, we don't want to hear how lousy current council is, or gloom and doom for our city."

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and pho soup — or order a daily, less-than \$10 special.

Part owner and chef David Nguyen, originally from southern Vietnam, chose the lemongrass chicken as his personal favourite.

Nguyen's best ingredient? "The homemade sauté sauce. It's used in most dishes."

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▶ A Touch of Ginger chef David Nguyen.

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Veteran film and Broadway actor Alfred Molina is joining the cast of *Law & Order: Los Angeles*, which debuts this fall as the newest member of the NBC crime drama family.

Molina will play Deputy District Attorney Morales, said Dick Wolf, creator and executive producer of the series nicknamed LOLA that will air on Wednesday nights.

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Betty White enjoying newfound 'Hot' status

► Stars of latest superhero project present movie clip at Comic-Con ► Thousands of sci-fi and comic book fans greet Harrison Ford with standing ovation ► Many convention-goers camped out overnight to see exclusive clip of new Harry Potter movie



► Actor Ryan Reynolds, left, and actress Blake Lively speak onstage at the Green Lantern panel discussion during Comic-Con 2010 in Sand Diego over the weekend.

Stars stoke new Green Lantern at Comic-Con

Ryan Reynolds says he took the title role in *Green Lantern* to play a hero that can "throw a punch, tell a joke and kiss a girl."

The actor, along with castmates Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard and Mark Strong and director Martin Campbell, presented a clip from the film at Comic-Con Saturday for some 6,000 ecstatic fans, many of whom camped out overnight for a chance to see the presentation.

Campbell says the 3-D movie blends realistic action with humour and an otherworldly trip to the

planet Oa, home of the Green Lanterns. He added that while the hero's costume is "a work in progress," his cinematic story is set: He is joined by his fellow Green Lanterns for a face-off against Parallax, whom Reynolds describes as "the physical

manifestation of fear in our movie."

The clip showed Reynolds as Hal Jordan, who, after a fight with street thugs, takes the Green Lantern oath and uses his new powers to blow them away. Reynolds recited the oath for the

Comic-Con crowd, which rewarded him with cheers.

The cast seemed to embrace the Comic-Con energy, and revealed which characters they'd dress up with if they could walk the convention floor. Reynolds would go as a Wookiee because he likes to "be cute and dangerous." Lively would dress as Harry Potter and Sarsgaard would go as Captain America. Strong said he'd dress as his *Green Lantern* character, Sinestro.

Green Lantern opens in June.

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Ford gets standing ovation

It was as though Han Solo himself had stepped into the San Diego Convention Center.

Harrison Ford made a surprise appearance at Comic-Con Saturday, and the crowd of some 6,000 sci-fi and comic book fans greeted him with a sustained standing ovation unmatched by any other during this year's event.

Two security guards playfully brought him out in handcuffs.

The *Star Wars* hero smiled bashfully, seemingly moved by the warm welcome. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New Potter clip draws big crowd

Beloved boy wizard Harry Potter comes face to face with Voldemort in the first cinematic instalment of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Actor Tom Felton shared an exclusive clip of the forthcoming film Saturday with about 6,000 convention-goers at Comic-Con. Many of them camped out overnight for a chance to see the footage.

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► Samuel L. Jackson

Avengers hit the stage

Comic book got the chance to see all their favourite superheroes in one place Saturday at Comic-Con.

Samuel L. Jackson surprised fans when he stepped out to introduce the cast of *The Avengers*.

Jackson brought out stars Clark Gregg, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth of *Thor* and Chris Evans of *Captain America*.

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Going Green again

DC Comics chief Geoff Johns hinted that other

Green Lantern films, and a *Justice League* movie, could follow: "The success of *Green Lantern* will lead the charge for everything DC does."

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Levi Johnston set to star in music video

► Sarah Palin's future son-in-law is hitting the limelight in upcoming music video ► In it, he plays lover who's girlfriend's mother disapproves



► Levi Johnston is set to make his music video debut.

Levi Johnston will make his music video debut as a lover whose romance is thwarted by his girlfriend's disapproving mother, according to a Universal Music Group record label and Johnston's attorney.

Johnston, 20, who is Bristol Palin's fiancé, has agreed to appear in the video with singer-songwriter Brittani Senner next month in Los Angeles. The project is based on the song After Love by Senner, 26, an R&B and pop performer. "He's looking forward to doing it," Rex Butler, Johnston's attorney in Anchorage, Alaska, said Friday. "It will give him an opportunity to act a little bit in front of a camera."

According to a written description of the video's storyline, the couple share

tender moments before they are driven apart by the woman's mother.

Johnston recently became re-engaged to Palin, 19, daughter of former Republican vice-presidential

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candidate Sarah Palin. Bristol, has said her mother doesn't support the couple's marriage.

Johnston and Senner are scheduled to shoot the video on location in Los Angeles on Aug. 9, the day after they attend the Teen Choice Awards.

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► Teen heartthrob Justin Bieber will make his acting debut.

Bieber to be a guest star on CSI

Justin Bieber will make his acting debut on the season premiere of CSI, and the show's producers say his appearance will be "true event television."

Bieber plays a troubled teen who has an "explosive confrontation" with investigators. CBS promises his role will evolve into a continuing storyline that

will be revisited later in the season. The show's executive producers call Bieber a phenomenon, the likes of which only come around "every 20 years."

On Thursday, Bieber alluded to his first acting role on his Twitter account, saying he was working with an acting coach.

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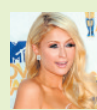
Casey Affleck faces sex lawsuit

A producer is suing Casey Affleck for "uninvited and unwelcome sexual advances in the workplace" during production for his documentary about Joaquin Phoenix.

Amanda White's suit claims "Affleck repeatedly referred to women as 'cows,' he discussed his sexual exploits and those of other celebrities that he allegedly witnessed. Affleck's lawyer dismissed the allegations as "without merit."

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Celebrity tweets



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Recommendations

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In terms of reading material to get boys started, the Canadian Council on Learning asked the Toronto comic shop The Beguiling to offer some graphic novel and comic book suggestions for young readers. Here are the recommendations:

- **Melvin Monster** by John Stanley. Follows the adventures of Melvin, a young monster who wants to go to school, do homework and play with his friends.
- **Bone** by Jeff Smith. The series follows the journey of the Bone cousins, who are separated from each other after being cast out of their town and eventually reunite to save the world.
- **Sardine in Space** by Joann Sfar and Emanuel Guibert. Short stories of swashbuckling outer-space action featuring Sardine, her cousin Little Louise and her uncle Captain Yellow Shoulder.

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What's a parent to do when teens want piercings or tattoos and you're opposed?

► School reading lists feature books that often don't appeal to boys ► Parents, teachers need to be open to new concepts of literature to reach out to young males



► Studies show that on average boys read less than girls. One solution is to find more books, comics and graphic novels that appeal to young males and gets them excited about reading.

Tap the potential of Comics for boy readers

Although often dismissed as light and "sub-literate" fare, comic books should be getting more respect from parents and educators who want to encourage boys to read, a new report suggests.

Surveys show that many educators consider comics unsuitable as reading material, says the report released Wednesday by the Canadian Council on Learning.

The article summarizes various findings from around the world and comes to the conclusion that comics and graphic novels are more than just funny books — they have

untapped potential to improve literacy among young males.

"What we do know is a couple things," Jarrett Laughlin, a senior research analyst at the council, said in an interview.

"Young boys are generally less interested in reading and enjoy reading less than girls do, which has resulted over the last few decades in poorer achievement in reading for boys."

"(This) might be because their literature interests are not necessarily well represented in schools and/or in the home."

He noted that boys prefer to read fantasy, non-fiction and comic books. Three in four boys of elementary school age report reading comic books, compared to only 50 per cent of schoolgirls, he added.

The council's report said that lack of reading enjoyment can contribute to persistent reading difficulties and an increasing disparity between successful and struggling readers.

If struggling readers grow to adulthood without the problem being addressed, they can face consequences in their dai-

ly lives and in the workplace.

Laughlin said research suggests comic books can play a role in improving literacy for young boys — and educators are beginning to see them as a learning tool.

"They're supportive and helpful for beginning readers, they help improve reading development among second-language learners and those with reading difficulties, simply as that extra illustration helps provide those contextual clues when children are learning to read."

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Grossing out boys is the way to reach them

Can fart jokes save the reading souls of boys?

You better hope so.

Boys have lagged behind girls in reading achievement for more than 20 years, but the gender gap now exists in nearly every state in the U.S. and has widened to mammoth proportions — as much as 10 percentage points in some, according to the Center on Education Policy.

"It certainly should set off alarm bells," said the centre's director, Jack Jennings.

Parents of reluctant readers complain that boys are forced to stick to stuffy required school lists that exclude non-fiction or silly subjects, or have teachers who cater to higher achievers and girls. They're hoping books that exploit boys' love of bodily functions and gross-out humour can close the gap. The angst among parents, teachers and librarians has been



met by a steady stream of sports and historical non-fiction, potty humour, bloodthirsty vampires and action-

packed graphic novels, fantasy and sleuthing.

Adding online tie-ins or packaged prizes has publishers meeting young readers halfway.

Patrick Carman has gone a step further with his wicked creepy *Skelethon Creek* series. The books use password-protected websites to alternate book text and quick fixes of video. To follow the story, reading and watching online are both required.

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Double Chicken Club



4 portions
Prep and
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► Double Chicken Club With Saffron Aioli.

Ingredients :

- Pinch of saffron threads, crumbled (4 to 5 threads)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) warm water
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced garlic
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 170 g (6 oz) chicken or turkey bacon
- 8 slices whole-grain sandwich bread
- 250 g (8 oz) sliced cooked chicken breast
- 500 ml (2 cups) arugula or

- leaf lettuce
- 1 large tomato, sliced

Preparation:

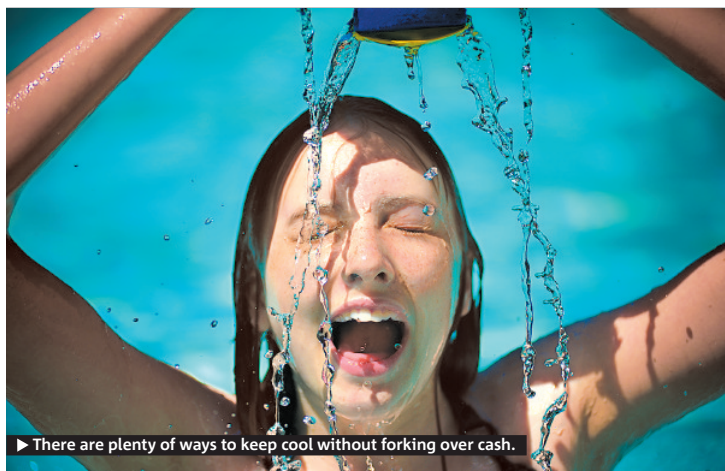
- 1 In a small bowl, combine saffron and warm water. Let stand for 5 minutes.
- 2 In a blender or mini food processor, combine saffron mixture, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard and garlic, then blend until smooth. Season with pepper. Set aside. The aioli can be stored, covered, in the re-

frigerator, for up to 1 week.

- 3 Cook chicken bacon according to package instructions. Toast bread.

- 4 To assemble sandwiches, spread some of the saffron aioli on each piece of toast. Divide bacon, sliced chicken breast, arugula, tomato and avocado (if using) among 4 slices of toast; top with remaining toast.

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► There are plenty of ways to keep cool without forking over cash.

Keep your cash cool

► How to beat the heat, without breaking the bank



Many people think energy conservation goes out the window during a heat wave.

The temperature soars, and all the air conditioners work overtime.

Almost all of Canada was gripped by sweltering, sluggish weather recently, and likely will be again before the summer ends.

So here are some expert tips on beating the heat — without breaking the bank.

Strategic air conditioner use

"In my home, we close the vents in the basement because it is typically cooler there anyway," says Dave Walton, director of home ideas for Direct Energy.

"In a two-storey home, most people get a warm spot upstairs because cold air falls down. So by limiting the number of vents that are open, in rooms where you don't really need the air conditioning flow-

Know your city

► **The thermometer says:** Alberta was front and centre for a record-melting western heat wave in July, 2007. Scorching record temperatures were recorded from the northern prairies all the way to down Mexico. According to Environment Canada, temperatures in Medicine Hat and Lethbridge soared 10 C degrees above normal, while Edmonton boiled up to 32 C degrees on July 5.

ing, that will encourage the flow of the cold air up to the top floor."

He also recommends using a programmable thermostat, which can let your home warm up when you're out, reactivating the A.C. before you return.

Blinds and curtains

"Use your shading and drapes strategically, so the sides of your home that get direct sunlight are protected," recommends Simi

Heer, a Power Smart spokesperson at BC Hydro.

"Drapes can block up to 65 per cent of the heat that would otherwise enter your home. If you want, you can even take it a step farther and install an external shade screen on the outside of your window. This will block up to 95 per cent of the heat."

Home Energy Assessments

"These inspections give you a home energy-efficiency rating," Walton says.

"The auditor can show you where all the air leaks are in your home — through windows, the underside of doors, things like that. The real value here is homeowners get a customized energy-efficiency report for their homes. This gives them the opportunity to make changes and improvements."

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QUESTION: What's the best way to get rid of old medications?
Alex, Edmonton, Alta.

The next time you find yourself decluttering the medicine cabinet, make sure you don't flush old medications down the toilet and don't throw them in the garbage either. The

safest way to dispose of old medications and over-the-counter health care products is to take them back to your local pharmacy. Flushing unused or expired prescription medications down the toilet or throwing them in the garbage means they'll eventually find their way into our streams and rivers — also known as our drinking water. And you're also playing a role in keeping our oceans and landfills free of pollution.

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► Rosemary Thompson was a veteran journalist who worked for years with CTV News before deciding to take on her current job with the National Arts Centre as director of communications and public affairs.

Switch it up midway through your career?

► Individuals seeking mid-career change can dive into new professions

Rosemary Thompson has been on the front lines covering some of the biggest news stories in recent memory from the Quebec referendum to the Sept. 11 attacks.

But after 22 years, the veteran journalist, who has posed questions to countless newsmakers, turned the tables and asked a key one of herself when it came to her career: "What's next?"

"I think for me it was a sense of I wanted to build something rather than just cover something," said Thompson.

There was also what Thompson describes as a "huge personal side" to the issue — the adoption of daughter Jasmine from China almost three years ago.

The award-winning reporter, who also has a 15-year-old son, Louis, said as much as she loved her work, she recalled having to carve out time to take days off to ensure she was there for birthday parties and other important days and she desired a little more flexibility in her life.

Last year, she stepped away from her position with CTV to take on a new role as director of communications at the National Arts Centre.

For individuals contemplating a mid-career change, experts say there are many questions that need to be addressed before taking the leap.

Vickie Townson was nearing 50 and working as a law clerk when she began feeling she didn't want

to continue in the position.

Townson said she wanted to do something that makes a difference in people's lives, and further exploration eventually put her on a new path. She is now a midlife coach with Life's New Chapter Coaching in Ottawa.

She talks to clients about what is prompting the change, and asks them to describe their ideal careers. As they begin to clarify that, they get a better sense of what they're looking for in that move. They sometimes recognize that they don't have to change companies, Townson noted.

"It just means having a conversation with their HR person to see what's available there and what's possible." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Career coaching

► Career coach Michele Waters with Career Quest Coaching in Victoria said the desire for change may stem from the current environment causing frustration or burnout, feelings of a lack of reward, or perhaps someone has simply been at a place for too long and needs to switch things up. A common theme is people looking for new challenges, she said.

► "Certain personalities like a lot of diversity and change and new challenge and new opportunities, so quite naturally, they're going to be recreating themselves and going through career transitions often in their life."

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BRUCE WALSH
METRO WORLD NEWS

The need to attend class may be waning with the spreading class capturing practices.

"Right now this technology is rooted in higher education and, especially, highly technical education like medical schools and engineering schools where students are asked to memorize a lot of rote informa-

tion," says Andy Petroski, director of learning technologies at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in Harrisburg, Pa. "In those settings, if you miss 30 seconds of a class, you may have missed quite a bit of content."

At least two companies — Sonic Foundry and McGraw-Hill — are pushing hard for class capture to become ubiquitous in university classrooms, especially because licensing of the

software is on a per-course basis, creating a potential boon. A number of delicate issues surround the larger implementation of class capture, including intellectual property rights of professors, along with fears of heightened scrutiny.

"If you're using class capture, you have to be aware that what you say in class can be played back," says David Schuff, associate professor at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Capturing class

- Class capture is the ability to record either the audio and/or video of a class session and deliver that recording in a digital format.
- "The fact that we went from one (class-capture) classroom in 2006, to 73 this year, tells you something about how popular it is," says Lev Gonick, chief information officer at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.



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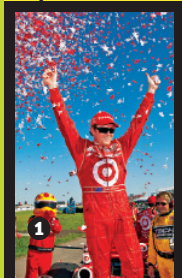
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Sports in brief



1 Scott Dixon, of New Zealand, won the Honda Edmonton Indy yesterday.

2 Spain's Alberto Contador won his third Tour de France in four years yesterday.

Pettersson claims Canadian Open

After narrowly missing out on a 59 at the RBC Canadian Open, Carl Pettersson got something even better — a victory.

The Swede closed with a 3-under 67 to pull out a one-shot win over Dean Wilson at St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

Pettersson got into contention with a course-re-

Canuck finishes

► The low Canadian this week was Adam Hadwin, of Abbotsford, B.C., who finished off his first PGA Tour event in style by hitting an approach within

cord 60 on Saturday morning and made enough birdies down the stretch

inches at the 72nd hole. He shot 71 to tie for 37th. ► Jon Mills of Oshawa, Ont., bogeyed his last two holes for a 72 and 4-under-par 276 overall. Calgary's Stephen Ames finished with a 70 for a 278.

yesterday to earn his fourth career PGA Tour victory. After starting the day

four shots behind Wilson, he turned the heat up by making consecutive birdies at Nos. 13-15 and cruised home from there. The victory was worth \$918,000 US.

Considered a longshot in the tournament, Pettersson entered the week as the 207th-ranked golfer in the world.

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► Carl Pettersson

Life in the pits at the Honda Indy

► Metro reporter gets close to the action



LAURENCE HEINEN
FOR METRO CANADA

Prior to the start of yesterday's Honda Indy Edmonton, Bertrand Baguette commended his pit crew for the job they do behind the scenes.

"Everybody around you is very important," said Baguette, one of two rookie drivers on the IZOD IndyCar Series for Conquest Racing along with Mario Romancini. "You have to be a good driver, but if you don't have the right people and the right car, you are slow anyways."

Conquest Racing pit crew member David "Foggy" Fitzgerald recruited yours truly to help out on race day in Edmonton, giving Metro an up-close view of the action. While my job included modest duties

such as bleeding the air out of used tires and transporting them back to the Firestone tent, Baguette said he appreciated the contribution nonetheless.

"All the little jobs are important," stressed Baguette, of Verviers, Belgium, who improved upon his starting position of 20th to finish 14th in the race.

Being so close to the action and hearing the loud roar of the powerful machines gave me a new appreciation of the skill it takes to drive on the IndyCar series.

Sports reporter Dave Rowe of CHQR 770 in Calgary also got close to the action on Baguette's team as the "squirt gun guy" by using a pressurized hose to wash excess fuel from the fuel hose and vent hose sockets during each pit stop.



► Laurence Heinen in action yesterday at the Honda Indy Edmonton.

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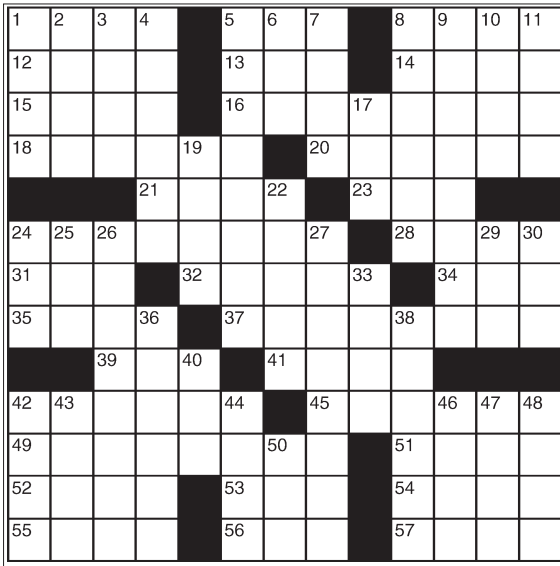
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5 Periodical, for short
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12 Noted woman
13 Hostel
14 Individuals
15 — The Red
16 Recover quickly
18 Tie on
20 Values
21 "— the word!"
23 Homer's interjection
24 Abscond after release from jail
28 Bigfoot's cousin
31 Man-mouse link
32 These (Sp.)
34 Chaps
35 — -edged (top-quality)
37 Whale variety
39 Father
41 Lima's country
42 Hi-fi hookup
45 Public lecture hall
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53 Can. neighbour
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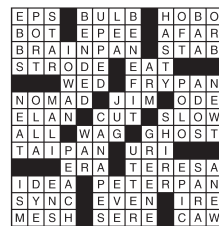
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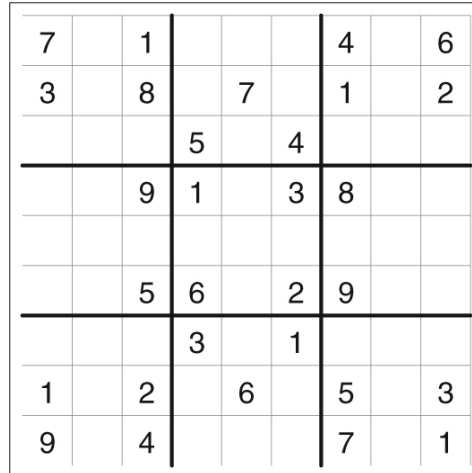


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► Yesterday's answer



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► Yesterday's answer

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CEDRICK "MOTH" FOLEY

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♈ Aries March 21-April 19 Your desire to get things done has rarely been higher and today's full moon will inspire you to try harder than ever, but don't overdo it. Jupiter in your sign warns you could go over the top in more ways than one.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21 A Sun-Jupiter aspect coupled with the full moon will help you get more out of life, but don't go to extremes and give others the impression you want to take over the world.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The good times just keep getting better and with the Sun and Jupiter firmly on your side as the new week begins you are largely free to do as you please without fear of the conse-

quences — within reason, of course.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Watch out you don't get emotionally about things that don't really matter. It's unlikely that anything really bad will happen if you do but you may feel a bit silly later when you realize how far you went over the top.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 The Sun in your sign allied to Jupiter will boost your energy and help you get a great many things done over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The cosmic powers are smiling on you now and one way or another your efforts will be recognized and rewarded over

the next few days. However, you must not — repeat, not — take on any new responsibilities. You're doing enough.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A perfect link between the Sun and Jupiter means that Lady Luck is smiling on you, and friendships and relationships will be especially productive over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It's not often you reveal how you are feeling deep inside but the full moon will encourage you to do just that.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your confidence is sky high at the moment and no matter what challenges come your way over the next few

days you will handle them with ease. Save yourself for the big stuff though.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You tend to spend a lot of time weighing up the pros and cons before taking action but in one particular area you will move super fast today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Today's full moon in your sign will bring a few doubts about what you are doing.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may prefer to steer clear of the limelight but it's unlikely you will get the choice today as events beyond your control thrust you into the spotlight.

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